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DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on February 3, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response does not comply with 37 CFR 1.111, in that the patentable novelty of claims 22-26 has not been specifically set forth, particularly with respect to the Heintz et al (488) reference. Applicant is also required at this time to clearly set forth whether the locking device and lock head is being positively claimed in all of the claims, or only being inferentially claimed as being capable of being used. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 571-272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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